

NATIONAL UNION OF WOMEN WORKERS LEGISLATION SECTIONAL COMMITTEE.

The National Union of Women Workers realise the importance of increasing the interest of women in legislation and law making, and several new members of interest to nurses and midwives have been added to the committee.

Miss Le Geyt now represents the National Council of Trained Nurses, Miss Helen Pearse the Matrons' Council, and Miss Olive Haydon the Incorporated Midwives' Institute.

A series of meetings are being arranged to place the opinion of experts on various Bills before the Legislation Committee. The Education Bill—of such vital importance to the whole community—naturally comes first. Later, the two Nurses' Registration Bills are to be explained, presumably by their promoters. This should be an occasion of great interest to the Committee, as the principles which inspire the two Bills can be plainly set forth.

THE "WELLCOME" PHOTOGRAPHIC EXPOSURE RECORD AND DAIRY, 1918.

The above handy manual contains within a conveniently small compass—indeed, one may almost say in the tabloid form for which Messrs. Burroughs, Wellcome & Co., Snow Hill Buildings, London, E.C. 1, are famous—all that it is necessary to know about the photographer's art, so that it appeals not only to those who annually make a practice of securing this up-to-date Diary, but also, to the novice, who, if he absorbs all the information offered him in this little book, will be a novice no longer.

The main article in the book has been entirely re-written, and, under the title, "Photography Simplified" we have the whole art of photographic practice, except exposure, which is dealt with in a separate article, made as clear as A.B.C. in about 50 pages.

The great charm of the book is not merely its simplicity, but its precision. The instructions given are so definite that no one can mistake them, and if they are followed no one can fail to obtain successful results.

The Exposure Record is used alike by beginners and experts, and its accuracy, simplicity and reliability are much appreciated.

Only plates and papers manufactured in Great Britain, the United States, or other of the Allied countries, are given in the list of plate speeds, and it is obvious that goods are available for the photographers' every need without going to enemy sources.

The two illustrations are of great interest. "Out of a Cloud of Dust into a Cloud of Bullets," a record of an incident on the Belgian front, and one of a German shell bursting behind the Anzac lines at the battle of Messines, by the official Australian photographer.

The book, which is well worth the modest sum of 1s., may be obtained from any photographic dealer.

LEAGUE OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S HOSPITAL NURSES.

The Winter General Meeting of the League of St. Bartholomew's Hospital Nurses was held in the Clinical Theatre on Saturday, January 19th. The new President, Miss Helen Todd, presided, and was warmly greeted on taking the chair with applause and cheers.

Miss B. Cutler presented the Report, which stated that the Executive Committee, in accordance with powers conferred upon it by the last General Meeting, had invested £97 in War Saving certificates.

Thanks were received for £8 sent to the Sisters of the eight wards in the Military Wing for their Christmas Fund, and for £5 sent to No. 1 General Hospital, Camberwell.

THE WOMEN'S ARMY AUXILIARY CORPS, "LES TOMMETS."

Mrs. Lancelot Andrews, who, lent by the Local Government Board to the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps, is at present acting as Controller of Recruiting, gave a most interesting account of its organisation and work.

Early last year, she said, it was recognised in France that the substitution where possible of women for men was necessary, and two women as well as some men were sent over to France to enquire into conditions. By the end of February the W.A.A.C. was in process of formation, its object being simply the substitution of women for men in the non-fighting branches.

The organisation is extremely well thought out on the basis of substituting four women for three men. The Corps started work in France, though it now works in this country also.

Its head officials are a Chief Controller, a Deputy Controller, then three Controllers in the Adjutant-General's Department—(1) Administrative, (2) Equipment, and (3) Recruiting, Mrs. Andrews being Controller of Recruiting.

In this country the work is divided into districts on the lines of the Commands, and each Unit has an Area Controller whose rooms are in the offices of the General in Command—a precedent for the official recognition of women's work in the Army. There are also Sub Area Controllers and, in each Area a Recruiting Controller.

Then there are Hostels—some, draft-finding depots where the recruits are uniformed and drilled, others residential, which spring up near the Units where women are working. These have at their head Administrators who are practically Matrons and Assistant Matrons. They are responsible for the women in their off-duty time though each has a right of appeal if she feels aggrieved, to the Chief Controller. While at work the members of the W.A.A.C. are under the control of the Officer-in-Command.

As to conditions, originally everyone signed on for general service in a Mobile Corps for the duration of the war, but now that so many more women are wanted, an Immobile Corps as well as the mobile branch has been formed, as it is realised

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